

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:30 a.m.

Saturday:
8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of
Penance**
Saturday:
4:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of
Marriage**
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

**Sacrament of
Baptism**
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jesus made much of inclusiveness in His parables, which are part of this cycle of readings. The use of a dragnet is almost scary with the image of all kinds of creatures and things being dragged out of the ocean. Once they are all landed, they need to be sorted and catalogued. So it is with candidates for the Kingdom. All types and genera are included in the plan of Jesus to make the Kingdom a welcome place for all. So important is this principle that Jesus worked one of His most dramatic miracles when He cured the daughter of a Canaanite woman. Not only was she a woman, but she was an outcast woman, completely foreign to the culture of Jesus and His friends.

Jesus insists that His touch is for all. All you need is faith. You can even be part of a group that is unfaithful to the Law. You can be in total contradiction to the status quo. You can be the world's most public sinner or the most devious manipulator of human feelings. In spite of those shortcomings, you can find a place in Jesus' community. The only requirement is faith -- a faith that demands conversion. With reconciliation to God's love, your place at the side of Jesus is assured. The call to repentance is irrevocable, as Paul tells the Romans in today's second reading. Sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't it?

SPECIAL SAINTS DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 19th – St. John Eudes

John was born in France in 1601; after his ordination, he spent many years giving missions and working to improve the training of future priests. He was instrumental in fostering devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Thursday, August 20th – St. Bernard

Today we celebrate one of the great Church leaders of the middle ages – St. Bernard of Clairvaux who seemed to be everywhere in the first half of the twelfth century – preaching crusades, reinvigorating monks and monasteries, advising popes, fighting heresy, writing theological and spiritual works. He remains a powerful inspiration to us because of his holiness of life.

Friday, August 21st – Pope Pius X

Before he was elected Pope Pius X in 1903, Giuseppe Sarto served the Church as pastor, bishop, and Patriarch of Venice. He is remembered as a pastoral Pope who encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, the lowering of the age for First Holy Communion and the daily reading of the Scripture. His motto was “Renew all things in Christ” and many of his reforms (as well as his personal holiness) helped to renew the Church in the twentieth century.

Saturday, August 22nd – Queenship of Mary

This is the octave day of Our Lady's Assumption – the day prescribed by the Church for the celebration of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This feast (long celebrated in many parts of the world) was extended to the Universal Church by Pope Pius XII during the Marian Year in 1954. We venerate Mary as queen for 2 reasons: because of her unique part in redemption and because she is the first among the saints. Pius XII said of her, “Like her Son before her, she conquered death and was raised body and soul into heaven, where as queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son.”

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Julia Campione

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Mc Avoy Family

10:30 a.m. Teresa and Aldo Cimaroli

12:30 p.m. Henry, Catherine, Rae and Anthony
Tavernia

Monday, August 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. Rose and Carmine Capobianco

8:30 a.m. Joseph Gallucci

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

8:30 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

8:30 a.m. Richard Belluzzi

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Feast of St. John Eudes, Priest

8:30 a.m. Elisa Cianfaglione

8:30 a.m. Maria Scuderi – 1st Anniversary

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Feast of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Madeline McNamara

8:30 a.m. Domenic Andreassi

Friday, August 21, 2020

Feast of St. Pius X, Pope

8:30 a.m. Vincent Streva

8:30 a.m. John Domitrovits

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Feast of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Domenico Iemma

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Bologna,
Magretti and Gallery Families

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Susan Vanadia

10:30 a.m. Teresa Ramoni

12:30 p.m. Vincenzo Fontana

WEDDING BANNES

*I. Edgar Oswaldo Suarez and
Maria Montes DeOca*

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 22nd

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule – Summer 2020: Just another reminder that for reasons cited often before regarding the proper cleaning of the church, we have changed the times for our Masses on the weekend. The Vigil Mass time on Saturday remains the same: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Mass times are: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; and 12:30 p.m. We will have one daily Mass (Monday – Saturday) in the morning at 8:30 a.m. After that, the church will be closed – although the chapel will remain open as usual.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: This sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon at St. John's at 4:00 p.m. We will not be using our traditional "confessionals" (they would have to be sanitized after each penitent left the confessional.) In order to maintain social distancing we will be offering this sacrament as part of a penance service – so all who wish to participate should arrive (wearing the required mask) at 4:00 p.m. The service will include prayers, a reading from scripture, a short homily and the presentation by each penitent of a written statement of personal sins which will be handed individually to the priest (no words spoken). A communal act of contrition will follow – with penance and absolution during which the penitent papers will be burned. A final blessing will conclude the service.

Second Collection – Summer 2020: In order to limit the interaction between ushers and parishioners at Mass, we will eliminate second collections until after Labor Day. If a second collection is scheduled for a particular Sunday, we will announce that at the beginning of Mass as usual – however, we will have the ushers pass the baskets only once – at the usual time. We ask envelope users to place both envelopes for that Sunday in that collection basket – and we ask everyone to be as generous as their means permit.

Religious Education Program: 2020 - 2021 registration for new families for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. **To obtain a New Family Religious Education Registration Form (for your child):** Please email StjohntheBaptistred@gmail.com. When completing the registration, a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate will be necessary; families must, of course, be members of our parish. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials.

Practical Matters:

1. The **Weekly Collection** remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Parishioners may contribute via WeShare (go to sjbyonkers.org –look for “online Donations” on the title page) or by bringing or mailing your contribution to our rectory office or dropping it into one of the baskets in church on Sunday.
2. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. Please consult our parish website (www.sjbyonkers.org) for updates on parish events and activities.

Help Needed: Share your faith! If you are reading this, chances are that you are someone who participates in Sunday worship, knows the “basics” of our Catholic faith, and is/was an effective teacher of your own or others’ children. Would you like to discuss volunteering in our Religious Education or R.C.I.A. programs? Please call Angela Minchilli at 914-965-2338 if you would like to explore this exciting and spiritually rewarding ministry.

Renew and Rebuild Update: Last year at this time we had concluded a very successful “Renew and Rebuild” campaign which raised over a million dollars (in five year pledges, mostly) to assist with a number of projects that we had outlined in our nearly six month campaign. By the end of August 2019 we had been able to point to only one project completed: The necessary replacement of our school’s gym floor – which had to be ready for the opening of school last September.

At this point one year later, we can point to several important church projects that have been completed or are currently still underway.

The scaffolding in the front of the church is a clear sign of the ongoing work on part of the church roof and the stone work in the façade. We expect that will continue for a bit. Earlier this year, the work of repairing and painting the chapel was done – and last March we were able to replace the old inadequate chapel chairs with newer, more appropriate (and more comfortable!) chapel chairs.

A lot of painting and plastering was done in the vestibule entrance on Yonkers Avenue – and the ceiling was newly sanded and varnished. The two “entrance/exits” on either side of the front of the church (leading to St. John’s Avenue and the school) were also restored to their “mint condition.” In addition to all that, work has been completed on the six stained glass windows on “Mary’s side” of the church.

Last – and by no means least – the lower church has received a major cleaning and sanitizing – it has been a major “make-over.”

All of this has been possible because of your generosity – and because so many of you continue to fulfill the pledges you made over a year ago. More work needs to be done – but a lot has been accomplished in one year. God be praised! May God bless those who have given so much to make sure our church will stand for many generations to come!